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And for the weary, Rest."

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"My Saviour, as Thou wilt!
If needy here and poor,
Give me Thy people's bread,
Their portion rich and sure.
The *Manna of Thy Word*,
Let my soul feed upon;
And if all else should fail,
My Lord, '*Thy will be done.*'"

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Blessed Lord, who hast caused all Holy Scriptures to be written for our learning; grant that we may in such wise hear them, read, mark, learn and inwardly digest them, that by patience and comfort of Thy Holy Word we may embrace and ever hold fast the blessed hope of everlasting life, which Thou hast given us in our Saviour, Jesus Christ. Amen.

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MORNING.

FIRST DAY OF MONTH.

Watch ye, stand fast in the *Faith*, quit you like men, be strong.

1 Cor. xvi. 13.

FOR

Ye know not when the master of the house cometh, at *even*, or at *midnight*, or at *cock-crowing*, or in the *morning*. St. Mark xiii. 35.

AND

Blessed is that servant, whom his Lord when He cometh shall find so doing. St. Luke xii. 43.

"'Weep not,' for unto you is given,
To *watch* for the coming of His feet,
Who is the glory of our blessed Heaven;
The work and watching will be very sweet,
Even in an earthly home;
And in such an hour as you think not,
He will come."

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SECOND DAY OF MONTH.

Come unto me all ye that *labor* and are *heavy laden.* ST. MATT. xi. 28.

FOR

All power is given unto me in Heaven and in earth.

ST. MATT. xxviii. 18.

AND

I will give you rest. ST. MATT. xi. 28.

"Oh, where shall *rest* be found,
Rest for the weary soul?
'Twere vain the ocean's depths to sound,
Or pierce to either pole."

"I heard the voice of Jesus say,
Come unto Me and *rest;*
Lay down, thou weary one, lay down
Thy head upon My breast.
I came to Jesus as I was,
Weary, and worn, and sad,
I found in Him a *resting-place,*
And He has made me glad."

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THIRD DAY OF MONTH.

Pray without ceasing.

1. THESS. v. 17.

FOR

He spake a parable unto them to this end, that men ought always to pray, and not to faint.

ST. LUKE xviii. 1.

AND

All things, whatsoever ye shall ask *in prayer, believing*, ye shall receive.

ST. MATT. xxi. 22.

"*Prayer* is the simplest form of speech
That infant lips can try;
Prayer the sublimest strains that reach
The Majesty on high.

"*Prayer* is the contrite sinner's voice,
Returning from his ways;
While angels in their songs rejoice,
And cry '*Behold he prays.*'

"O Thou, by whom we come to God,
The Life, the Truth, the Way,
The path of *prayer* Thyself hast trod;
Lord, teach us how to pray."

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FOURTH DAY OF MONTH.

Let all your things be done with *Charity*. 1 Cor. xvi. 14.

FOR

Though I bestow *all* my goods to feed the poor, and though I give my body to be burned, and have not *Charity*, it profiteth me nothing. 1 Cor. xiii. 3.

AND

Now abideth Faith, Hope and Charity, these three; but the greatest of these is *Charity*. 1 Cor. xiii. 13.

"The mite my willing hands can give,
At Jesus' feet I lay;
Grace shall the humble gift receive,
Abounding grace repay."

"When thy harvest yields thee pleasure,
Thou the golden sheaf shall bind;
To the *poor* belongs the treasure
Of the scattered ears behind:
These thy God ordains to bless
The *widow* and the *fatherless*."

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FIFTH DAY OF MONTH.

I am the good Shepherd: the good Shepherd giveth his *life* for the sheep.
ST. JOHN X. 11.

FOR

Greater love hath no man than this, that a man *lay down his life for his friends.* ST. JOHN XV. 13.

AND

No man *taketh* it from me, but I lay it down of *myself.* ST. JOHN X. 18.

"I was a wandering sheep,
I would not be controlled;
But now I love the Shepherd's voice,
I love, I love the fold.

"*Jesus* my Shepherd is,
'T was He that loved my soul,
'T was He that washed me in His blood,
'T was He that made me whole."

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SIXTH DAY OF MONTH.

Have no fellowship with the *unfruitful* works of *darkness*, but rather reprove them. EPHES. v. 11.

FOR

He that *walketh* in *darkness* knoweth not whither he *goeth*.

ST. JOHN xii. 35.

AND

I am come a *light* into the world, that whosoever *believeth* on me should *not* abide in *darkness*. ST. JOHN xii. 46.

"*Walk* in the *light*, and thou shalt find
Thy heart made truly His,
Who dwells in cloudless light enshrined,
In whom no *darkness is*.

"*Walk* in the *light!* and thou shalt see
Thy path, though thorny, bright;
For God by grace shall dwell in thee,
And *God himself is light*."

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SEVENTH DAY OF MONTH.

Let *patience* have her perfect work, that ye may be *perfect* and *entire*, wanting nothing. JAMES i. 4.

FOR

Ye have need of *patience*, that after ye have done the will of God, ye might *receive* the promise. HEB. x. 36.

AND

In your *patience* possess ye your souls. ST. LUKE xxi. 19.

"*Patience!* then, *patience*, soon the pang of dying
Shall all forgotten be,
And thou, through rolling spheres rejoicing, flying,
Beyond the waveless sea,
Shalt know hereafter where thy Lord doth lead thee,
His darkest dealings trace,
And by the fountains where His love will feed thee,
Behold Him face to face."

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EIGHTH DAY OF MONTH.

Whosoever he be of you that *forsaketh* not *all* that he hath he cannot be my disciple. ST. LUKE xiv. 33.

FOR

He that loveth *father* or *mother* more than me, is not *worthy* of me; and he that loveth *son* or *daughter* more than me, is not *worthy* of me; and he that taketh not his *cross* and *followeth* after me, is not *worthy* of me.

ST. MATT. x. 37.

AND

Whosoever therefore shall *confess* me before *men*, him will I *confess* also before my *Father* which is in Heaven; but whosoever shall *deny* me before *men*, him will I also *deny* before my *Father* which is in Heaven.

ST. MATT. x. 32.

"*Ashamed of Jesus!* that dear *Friend*
On whom my hopes of heaven depend:
No; when I blush be this my shame,
That I no more revere His name.

"*Ashamed of Jesus!* empty pride;
I'll boast a Saviour crucified:
And O may this my portion be,
My *Saviour not ashamed of me.*"

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NINTH DAY OF MONTH.

Go and *sin* no more.

ST. JOHN viii. 11.

FOR

Ye are *bought* with a *price.*

1 COR. vii. 23.

AND

God is *faithful*, who will not suffer you to be *tempted* above that *ye are able.* 1 COR. x. 13.

"*Jehovah* is our strength,
And He shall be our song,
We shall o'ercome at length,
Although our foes be strong:
In vain doth satan then oppose,
The Lord is stronger than His foes.

"'Tis only in *Thee* hiding,
I feel my life secure,
Only in *Thee* abiding,
The conflict can endure;
Thine arm the vic'try gaineth
O'er every hateful foe;
Thy love my heart sustaineth,
In all its cares and woe."

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TENTH DAY OF MONTH.

Be ye *doers* of the Word, and not *hearers* only. JAMES i. 22.

FOR

I have *chosen* you, and *ordained* you, that ye should go and *bring forth fruit*, and that your fruit should remain. ST. JOHN xv. 16.

AND

I am the *vine*, ye are the *branches;* he that *abideth* in me and I in him, the same shall bring forth *much fruit;* for without me ye can do nothing.

ST. JOHN xv. 5.

"I want so in Thee to abide,
As to bring forth some fruit to Thy praise;
The branch that Thou prunest, though feeble and dried,
May languish, but never decays."

"My Father! My Father! this heart would be Thine;
Restore from its wanderings;
Oh! visit and nourish Thy wilderness vine,
Though it be from the bitter springs:
Till the years of its pruning in time shall be o'er
And its shoots in eternity wander no more."

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ELEVENTH DAY OF MONTH.

But he that *glorieth*, let him *glory* in the *Lord*. 2 Cor. x. 17.

FOR

Herein is my Father *glorified*, that ye bear much *fruit*. St. John xv. 8.

AND

Let your *light so shine* before men, that they may see your *good works*, and *glorify* your *Father* which is in Heaven. St. Matt. v. 16.

"Glory to God in highest strains,
By highest worlds is paid:
Be glory, then, by us proclaimed,
And by our lives display'd."

"Lord, Thy glory fills the heaven;
Earth is with its fullness stored;
Unto Thee be glory given,
Holy, holy, holy, Lord!
Heaven is still with anthems ringing;
Earth takes up the angels' cry,
'Holy, holy, holy,' singing,
'Lord of hosts, the Lord most high!'"

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TWELFTH DAY OF MONTH.

A *little while* and ye shall *see me.*

ST. JOHN xvi. 16.

FOR

In my *Father's house* are *many mansions.* ST. JOHN xiv. 2.

AND

If *I* go and prepare a place for *you*, *I will come* again and *receive* you unto myself; that *where I am*, there *ye may be also.* ST. JOHN xiv. 3.

"'*A little while*,' our Lord shall come,
And we shall wander here no more;
He'll take us to our Father's home,
Where He for us has gone before.

"'*A little while*,' He'll come again;
Let us the precious hours redeem,
Our only grief to give Him pain,
Our joy to serve and follow Him.

"'*A little while*,' 'twill soon be past,
Why should we shun the promised Cross?
Oh! let us in His footsteps haste,
Counting for Him all else but lost."

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THIRTEENTH DAY OF MONTH.

And *I*, if *I* be *lifted* up from the earth, will draw *all men* unto me.

St. John xii. 32.

FOR

I am the resurrection and the life; he that *believeth* in me though he were *dead* yet shall he *live*. St. John xi. 25.

AND

Whosoever *liveth* and *believeth* in me *shall never die*. St. John xi. 26.

"*Lord, I must die;* e'en now the wing
Of Thy dread angel hovereth high;
I know the message he doth bring:
Soul, thou hast sinned, and thou must die.
All nature feels and owns the just decree.
And is this all that is in store for me,
Ashes to ashes, dust to kindred dust,
No hope, no life? Surely my spirit must
Sink in despair ere nature's last, fierce strife–
'*I am thy life.*'"

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FOURTEENTH DAY OF MONTH.

Blessed are they which do *hunger* and *thirst* after *righteousness.*

ST. MATT. v. 6.

FOR

Jesus said unto them *I am the bread of life.* ST. JOHN vi. 35.

AND

He that *cometh* to me shall *never hunger*, and he that *believeth* on me shall *never thirst.* For they shall be filled. ST. JOHN vi. 35 and ST. MATT. v. 6.

"*Open* now the crystal fountains
Whence the *living* waters flow;
Let the fiery cloudy pillar
Lead me all my journey through.

"*Feed* me with the heavenly *manna*
In this barren wilderness;
Be my sword, and shield, and banner;
Be the Lord my *righteousness.*

"Just as I am, without one plea,
But that *Thy blood* was *shed for me,*
And that thou bidst me to come to Thee,
O Lamb of God, I come."

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FIFTEENTH DAY OF MONTH.

God is the *Judge:* He putteth *down* one, and *setteth* up another.

Ps. lxxv. 5.

FOR

Whosoever *exalteth* himself shall be *abased;* and he that *humbleth* himself shall be *exalted.* St. Luke xiv. 11.

AND

Be not *high minded* but *fear.*

Rom. xi. 20.

"Ye *humble* souls approach your God,
With songs of sacred praise;
For He is good, supremely good,
And kind are all His ways."

"When I survey the wondrous cross,
On which the Prince of Glory died,
My richest gain I count but loss,
And pour contempt on all my pride.

"Forbid it, Lord, that I should boast,
Save in the *Cross of Christ* my God;
All the vain things that charm me most,
I sacrifice them to *Thy blood.*"

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SIXTEENTH DAY OF MONTH.

There is a *way* that *seemeth* right unto a man, but the *end* thereof are the *ways of death.* PROV. xiv. 12.

FOR

God hath not appointed us to wrath, but to obtain salvation by our Lord Jesus Christ. THESS. v. 7.

AND

He will *teach* us of his *ways*, and we will *walk* in his *paths.* IS. ii. 3.

"'*Thou art the way!*'
All ways are thorny ways without Thee;
Where hearts are pierced, and thoughts all aimless stray,
In Thee the heart stands firm, the life moves free:
'*Thou art the way.*'"

"When we cannot see our way,
Let us trust and still obey;
He who bids us forward go,
Cannot fail the way to show."

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SEVENTEENTH DAY OF MONTH.

As the *Father* hath loved *me*, so have I loved *you*, continue in my love.

St. John xv. 9.

FOR

This commandment have we from Him, that he who *loveth God*, love *his brother also.* 1 John iv. 21.

AND

All things work together for *good* to them that *love God.* Rom. viii. 28.

"Oh! let this love constrain us
To give our hearts to Thee;
Let nothing henceforth pain us,
But that which *paineth Thee.*

"Our joy, our one endeavor,
Through suffering, conflict, shame,
To serve Thee, gracious Saviour,
And magnify thy name."

"Thee will I love, my joy, my crown,
Thee will I love, my Lord, my God,
Thee will I love, beneath Thy frown,
Or smile—Thy sceptre or Thy rod;
What though my flesh and heart decay,
Thee will I love in *endless day.*"

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EIGHTEENTH DAY OF MONTH.

Glory God in your *body* and in your *spirit*, which are God's. 1 Cor. vi. 20.

FOR

Whether therefore ye *eat* or *drink*, or *whatsoever* ye do, do all to the *glory of God*. 1 Cor. x. 31.

AND

The Lord shall be unto thee an everlasting light, and *thy God thy glory*. Is. lx. 19.

"Wake and lift up thyself, my heart,
And with the angels bear thy part;
Who all night long unwearied sing
Glory to Thee, *Eternal King*."

"I want such steadfast purpose,
My mission to fulfill,
That it may be my *meat* and *drink*,
To *do* my Father's will;
To follow in His footsteps,
Who never turned aside
From the path that leads to heaven,
Though often sorely tried."

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NINETEENTH DAY OF MONTH.

Bear ye one another's burdens.

GAL. vi. 12.

FOR

Whoso hath this world's goods, and seeth his *brother* have *need*, and shutteth up his bowels of compassion from him, how *dwelleth* the *love* of God in him. 1 JOHN iii. 17.

AND

Blessed is he that *considereth* the *poor*, the Lord will *deliver* him in the *time of trouble.* PS. xli. 1.

"Where'er I take my walks abroad,
How many *poor* I see;
What shall I render to my God
For all His gifts to me?

"Are these Thy favors, day by day,
To *me*, above the rest?
Then let me love Thee more than they,
And try to *serve* Thee best."

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TWENTIETH DAY OF MONTH.

Walk in the *spirit*, and ye shall not fulfil the *lust* of the flesh. GAL. v. 16.

FOR

I will not leave you *Comfortless*, I will pray the Father, and He shall give you another *Comforter*, that He may abide with you forever; even the *Spirit of Truth*. ST. JOHN xiv. 18.; xvi. 17.

AND

When the *Spirit of Truth* is come, he will guide you into all truth.
ST. JOHN xvi. 13.

"If but my fainting heart be blest
With thy sweet *Spirit* for its guest,
My God to Thee I leave the rest:
'Thy will be done.'"

"*Spirit of Life* and love divine,
Subdue my heart and make it thine
That I may dwell upon as mine
That rest in Heaven."

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TWENTY-FIRST DAY OF MONTH.

Take *my yoke* upon you and learn of me. ST. MATT. xi. 29.

FOR

I am meek and lowly in heart, *my* yoke is *easy* and *my* burden is *light*. ST. MATT. xi. 29, 30.

AND

Ye shall *find rest* unto your souls. ST. MATT. xi. 29.

"Still on thy spirit, deep anguish is pressing,
Not for the *yoke* that His wisdom bestows:
A heavier burden thy soul is distressing,
A heart that is slow in His love to repose.

"Break off the *yoke* of inbred sin
And fully set my spirit free;
I cannot rest, till pure within,
'Till I am wholly lost in Thee.

"Give me to bear Thy easy *yoke*,
And every moment *watch* and *pray*;
And still to things eternal look,
And hasten to that glorious day."

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TWENTY-SECOND DAY OF MONTH.

Examine yourselves whether ye be in the *Faith.* 2 Cor. xiii. 5.

FOR

Not *every one* that saith unto me, Lord, Lord, shall enter into the kingdom of heaven; but he that *doeth* the *will* of my Father which is in Heaven.

St. Matt. vii. 21.

AND

Whosoever shall *do* the *will* of my Father which is in Heaven, the same is *my brother, and sister, and mother.*

St. Matt. xii. 50.

"Lord we our *belief* confess,
Our little spark of *Faith* increase,
That we may doubt no more;
But fix on Thee our steady eye,
And on Thine outstretched arm rely,
Till all the storm is o'er."

"Vain are our fancies, vain our flights,
If *Faith* be cold and dead;
None but a living power unites
To *Christ,* the *living Head.*"

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TWENTY-THIRD DAY OF MONTH.

Whosoever shall *call* upon the *name* of the Lord *shall be saved.* ROM. x. 13.

FOR

Neither is there *salvation* in any other: for there is none other *name* under Heaven given among men, whereby *we must be saved.* ACTS iv. 12.

AND

The Lord is not *slack* concerning His promise, as some men *count slackness*, but is *long-suffering* to usward, not *willing* that any should *perish*, but that all should *come to repentance.*

2 PETER iii. 9.

"*Thou wilt not* let my *footsteps fall,*
Nor let me, journeying through this vale,
Bring on Thy Gospel shame;
Though naught is mine but sin and woe,
Yet in Thy righteousness I go,
And triumph in *Thy name.*"

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TWENTY-FOURTH DAY OF MONTH.

Labor not for the *meat* which *perisheth*, but for the *meat* which *endureth* unto everlasting life, which the Son of Man shall give unto you.

St. John vi. 27.

FOR

Jesus said unto them *I am the Bread of Life:* he that cometh to me shall *never hunger;* and he that believeth on me shall *never thirst.* St. John vi. 35.

AND

He satisfieth the longing soul, and filleth the hungry soul with goodness.

Ps. cvii. 9.

"Here is the *Spring* where waters flow,
To quench our heat of sin;
Here is the *Bread* which feeds the life
Which death cannot assail.

"*Bread* of the world, in mercy broken
Wine of the soul, in mercy shed,
By whom the words of life were spoken,
And in whose death our sins are dead."

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TWENTY-FIFTH DAY OF MONTH.

This is my *commandment* that ye *love one another*, as *I* have loved you.

ST. JOHN XV. 12.

FOR

I say unto you, *love* your *enemies*, *bless them* that *curse you*, do *good* to them that *hate* you, and *pray* for them which despitefully use you and *persecute* you. ST. MATT. V. 44.

AND

This is the *love* of God, that *we keep His commandments.* 1 JOHN V. 3.

"Wide as the world is Thy command,
Vast as eternity Thy *Love*,
Firm as a rock Thy *truth* must stand,
When rolling years shall cease to move.

"Thy nature, gracious Lord, impart;
Come quickly from above;
Write Thy new name upon my heart,
Thy new, best name of *Love*."

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TWENTY-SIXTH DAY OF MONTH.

Ye shall be *sorrowful*, but your sorrow shall be turned to *joy*.

St. John xvi. 20.

FOR

The Lord is *nigh* unto them that are of a *broken heart*, and *saveth* such as be of a *contrite spirit*. Ps. xxxiv. 18.

AND

Ye now therefore have *sorrow*, but I will see you again, and your heart shall rejoice, and your *joy no man taketh from you*. St. John xvi. 22.

"'*A little while*' to wear the robe of sadness,
To toil with weary step through erring ways,
Then to pour forth the fragrant oil of gladness,
And clasp the girdle of the robe of praise.

"And He who is at once both Gift and Giver,
The future glory and the present smile,
With the bright promise of the glad 'forever,'
Will light the shadows of the '*little while*.'"

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TWENTY-SEVENTH DAY OF MONTH.

The *Spirit* and the *Bride* say *come*, and let him that heareth say *come*, and let him that is athirst *come*, and whosoever will, let him *take* the water of life freely. REV. xxii. 17.

FOR

All that the Father giveth me shall *come* to me; and him that cometh to me I will in *nowise cast out.* ST. JOHN vi. 37.

AND

Casting all your care upon Him; for He *careth* for you. 1 PETER v. 7.

"The *Spirit* in our hearts
Is whispering, sinner, *Come;*
The *Bride*, the Church of Christ, proclaims
To all his children, *Come.*

"Let him that heareth say
To all about him, *Come;*
Let him that thirsts for righteousness
To Christ, the fountain, *Come.*

"Yes, whosoever will
O let him freely *Come,*
And freely drink the stream of life,
'Tis Jesus bids him *Come.*"

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TWENTY-EIGHTH DAY OF MONTH.

I am the good Shepherd, and *know* my sheep, and am *known* of mine.

St. John x. 14.

FOR

As a shepherd *seeketh* out his flock in the day that he is among his sheep that are scattered, so will I *seek* out my sheep, and will *deliver* them out of all places where they have been scattered in the cloudy and dark day.

Ezek. xxxiv. 12.

AND

He shall *feed* his flock like a shepherd: He shall gather the lambs with his arm, and carry them in his bosom, and shall *gently lead* those that are with young. Is. xl. 2.

"I was a wayward child,
I did not love my home,
I did not love my Father's voice,
I loved afar to roam.

"The Shepherd sought his sheep,
The Father sought his child,
They followed me o'er vale and hill,
O'er desert waste and wild.

"They found me nigh to death,
Famished and *faint* and *lone;*
They bound me with the bands of love,
They saved the wandering one."

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TWENTY-NINTH DAY OF MONTH.

Put on the whole armor of God, that ye may be able to stand against the wiles of the devil. EPHE. vi. 11.

FOR

We wrestle not against flesh and blood, but against principalities, against powers, against the rulers of darkness of this world, against spiritual wickedness in high places. Stand therefore, having your loins girt about with Truth, and having on the breastplate of Righteousness, and your feet shod with the preparation of the Gospel of Peace; above all taking the shield of Faith, wherewith ye shall be able to quench all the fiery darts of the wicked. EPHE. vi. 12, 14, 15, 16, 17.

AND

Ye may be able to withstand in the evil day, and having done all to stand. EPHE. vi. 13.

"I keep my armour ever on,
For foes beset my way;
I watch lest passing on alone,
I fall a helpless prey.
No earthly love have I—I lean
Upon no mortal breast;
But my Beloved, though unseen,
Walks near and gives me rest.

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THIRTIETH DAY OF MONTH.

Unto whomsoever *much* is given, of him shall be *much* required.

ST. LUKE xii. 48.

FOR

Every man according as he purposeth in his heart, *so let him give*, not grudgingly or of necessity: for God loveth a cheerful giver. 2 COR. ix. 7.

AND

As we have therefore opportunity, let us do good unto all men, especially unto them who are of the household of Faith. GAL. vi. 10.

"*Blest* is the man whose softening heart
Feels all another's pain,
To whom the supplicating eye
Is never raised in vain.

"To him protection shall be shown;
And mercy from above,
Descend on those who thus fulfil
The *Christian law of love.*"

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THIRTY-FIRST DAY OF MONTH.

The Lord bless thee and keep thee: the Lord make His face shine upon thee, and be gracious unto thee: the Lord lift up His countenance upon thee,

AND

Give thee peace. NUM. vi. 24, 25, 26.

"We ask for *peace*, O Lord!
Thy children ask for *peace*,
Not what the world calls *rest*,
That toil and care should cease,
That through bright sunny hours,
Calm life should fleet away,
And tranquil night should fade
In smiling day;
It is not for *such peace* that we would pray.

"We ask for *peace*, O Lord!
Yet not to stand secure,
Girt round with iron pride,
Contented to endure;
Crushing the gentle strings
That human hearts should know,
Untouched by others' joys
Or others' woes.
Thou, O dear Lord, wilt never teach us so.

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"We ask thy *peace*, O Lord!
Through storm and fear and strife,
To light and guide us on
Through a long struggling life;
While no success or gain
Shall cheer the desperate fight,
Or nerve what the world calls
Our wasted might;
Yet pressing through the darkness to the light

"It is Thine own, O Lord!
Who toil while others sleep:
Who sow, with loving care,
What other hands shall reap:
They lean on Thee, entranced,
In calm and perfect rest;
Give us *that peace*, O Lord!
Divine and blest,
Thou keepest for those hearts that *love Thee best.*"

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"Abide with me! fast falls the eventide,
The darkness deepens; Lord, with me abide
When *other helpers fail*, and comforts flee,
Help of the *helpless*, oh, abide with me.

"Hold thou thy *cross* before my closing eyes
Shine through the *gloom*, and point me to the skies;
Heaven's morning breaks, and earth's vain shadows flee;
In *life*, in *death*, O Lord, *abide with me*."

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EVENING.

FIRST EVENING.

Who was *delivered* for our offences, and was *raised* again for our justification. ROM. iv. 25.

FOR

It pleased our Father that in Him should *all fullness dwell.* COLOSS. i. 19.

AND

He hath *done all things well.* MARK. vii. 37.

"I lay my sins on Jesus,
The spotless Lamb of God;
He *bears* them all, and frees us
From the accursed load.
I bring my guilt to Jesus,
To wash my crimson stains
White, in His blood most precious.
Till not a spot remains.

"I lay my wants on Jesus;
All fullness dwells in Him,
He heals all my diseases,
He doth my soul redeem.
I lay my griefs on Jesus,
My burdens and my cares;
He from them all releases,
He all my *sorrow shares.*"

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SECOND EVENING.

Forgive us our *debts* as we forgive our *debtors*. ST. MATT. vi. 12.

FOR

If ye forgive men their trespasses, your Heavenly Father will also *forgive you*. ST. MATT. vi. 14.

AND

If ye forgive not men their trespasses, neither will your Heavenly Father *forgive your trespasses*. ST. MATT. vi. 15.

"When this passing world is done,
When has sunk yon glaring sun,
When we stand with Christ in glory,
Looking o'er life's finished story,
Then, Lord, shall I fully know—
Not till then—*how much I owe*.

"When I stand before the throne,
Dressed in beauty not my own,
When I see Thee as Thou art,
Love Thee with unsinning heart,
Then, Lord, shall I fully know—
Not till then—*how much I owe*."

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THIRD EVENING.

Trust ye in the Lord forever: for in the Lord JEHOVAH is everlasting strength. Is. xxvi. 4.

FOR

In the Lord shall all the seed of Israel be justified, and shall glory. Is. xlv. 25.

AND

Behold God is my salvation; I will trust and not be afraid; for the Lord JEHOVAH is my strength and my song; He also has become my salvation. Is. xii. 2.

"Give to the winds thy fears,
Hope and be undismayed;
God hears thy sighs, and counts thy tears,
God shall lift up thy head.

"Through waves and clouds and storms,
He gently clears the way:
Wait thou His time; so shall this night
Soon end in joyous day.

Leave to His sovereign sway,
To choose and to command;
So shalt thou, wondering, own His way,
How wise, how good His hand."

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FOURTH EVENING.

Happy is the man that findeth *wisdom*, and the man that getteth *understanding*. PROV. iii. 13.

FOR

The *wisdom* that is from *above* is first pure, then peaceable, gentle and easy to be entreated, full of mercy and good fruits, without partiality and without hypocrisy. JAMES iii. 17.

AND

They that *be wise* shall shine as the brightness of the firmament. DAN. xii. 3.

"Hasten, sinners, to be *wise*;
Stay not for the morrow's sun:
Wisdom, if you still despise,
Harder is it to be won.

"*True Wisdom*, early sought and gained,
In age will give the rest;
O then improve the morn of life,
To make the evening blest.

"*Wisdom* and mercy guide my way,
Shall I resist them both?
The poor blind creature of a day,
And crushed before the moth."

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FIFTH EVENING.

Looking unto Jesus, the author and finisher of our Faith; who for the joy that was set before Him endured the cross, despising the shame, and is set down at the right hand of the throne of God. HEB. xii. 2.

FOR

Thou shalt guide me with thy counsel, and afterward receive me to glory. Ps. lxxiii. 24.

AND

If we *suffer*, we shall also *reign* with Him. 2 TIM. ii. 12.

"Sun of my soul, thou Saviour dear,
It is *not night* if Thou be near;
Oh, may no earth-born cloud arise
To hide thee from thy servant's eyes.

"Our Lord *is risen* from the dead,
Our Jesus is gone up on high;
The powers of hell are captive led,
Dragged to the portals of the sky.

"There your exalted Saviour see,
Seated at God's right hand again,
In all His Father's majesty,
In everlasting power to reign."

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SIXTH EVENING.

Say ye to the righteous that it *shall be well with him.* Is. iii. 10.

FOR

He shall bring forth thy righteousness as the light, and thy judgment as the noonday. Ps. xxxvii. 6.

AND

They that *wait* upon the Lord shall *renew* their *strength*, they shall mount up with wings as eagles, they shall run and *not be weary;* and they shall walk and *not faint.* Is. xl. 31.

"What cheering words are these;
Their sweetness who can tell:
In time and to eternal days,
'*Tis with the righteous well.*

"'*Tis well* when joys arise,
'*Tis well* when sorrows flow,
'*Tis well* when darkness veils the skies,
And strong temptations grow.

"'*Tis well* when Jesus calls,
From earth and sin arise,
To join the hosts of ransomed souls,
Made to salvation wise."

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SEVENTH EVENING.

Be of good cheer; it is *I*, *be not afraid.* ST. MATT. xiv. 27.

FOR

I am the Lord that healeth thee. EXOD. xv. 26.

AND

Fear none of these things which thou shalt suffer, behold the devil shall cast some of you in prison, that ye may be tried; and ye shall have tribulation ten days: be thou *faithful unto death*, and I will give thee *a crown of life.* REV. ii. 10.

"When waves of sorrow round me swell,
My soul is not dismayed;
I hear a voice I know full well,
'*Tis I, be not afraid.*

"There is a dark and fearful vale,
Death hides within its shade;
Oh say, when flesh and hearts shall fail,
'*Tis I, be not afraid.*

"Whom should I fear, since God to me
Is saving health and light?
Since strongly He my life supports,
What can my soul affright?"

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EIGHTH EVENING.

He that loveth not knoweth not God, for *God is love.* 1 JOHN iv. 8.

FOR

I love *them* that love *me.* PROV. viii. 17.

AND

Those that *seek Me early* shall *find Me.* PROV. viii. 17.

"Do not I love Thee? O my Lord,
Behold my heart and see!
And cast each hated idol down,
That dares to rival Thee.

"My God, I love Thee, not because
I hope for Heaven thereby;
Nor yet because if I love not
I must forever die.

"Not with the hope of gaining aught;
Not seeking a reward,
But as Thyself has loved me,
O ever loving Lord;

"E'en so I love thee, and will love,
And in Thy praise will sing;
Solely because thou art my God,
And my eternal King."

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NINTH EVENING.

And the *word* was made flesh, and dwelt among us. JOHN i. 14.

FOR

There is *one* God, and *one* Mediator between God and men, the *man*, *Christ Jesus*. 1 TIM. ii. 5.

AND

Christ is *all* and *in all*. COLOSS. iii. 11.

"Veiled in flesh, the Godhead see:
Hail the incarnate Deity,
Pleased as man with man to dwell,
Jesus, now Immanuel."

"Jesus, low we bow before Thee
Mediator glorified!
All the heavenly hosts adore Thee,
Seated at Thy Father's side;
There for sinners Thou art pleading,
There Thou dost our place prepare;
Ever for us interceding,
'Till in glory we appear."

"Thou wilt my every want supply,
Even to the end, whate'er befall;
Through life, in death, eternally,
Thou art my All."

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TENTH EVENING.

Take heed and beware of *covetousness.* ST. LUKE xii. 15.

FOR

There is a sore evil which I have seen under the sun, namely, *riches*, kept for the owners thereof to their hurt. ECCLES. v. 15.

AND

No covetous man shall have any inheritance in the kingdom of Christ and of God. EPHE. v. 5.

"Though wicked men grow rich or great,
Yet let not their successful state
Thy anger or thy envy raise;
For they, cut down like tender grass,
Or like young flowers away shall pass,
Whose blooming beauty soon decays."

"Much rather in God's house will I
The meanest office take,
Than in the wealthy tents of sin
My pompous dwelling make.

"For God, who is our sun and shield,
Will grace and glory give;
And no good thing will He withhold
From those that justly live."

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ELEVENTH EVENING.

We *wait* for Thy loving kindness, O God, in the midst of Thy temple.

Ps. xlviii. 8.

FOR

It is good that a man should both *hope* and quietly *wait* for the salvation of the Lord. SAM. iii. 26.

AND

Behold the Lord God *will come* with strong hand, and His arm shall rule for Him; behold, His reward is with Him and his work before Him.

Ps. xl. 10.

"Our God *shall come*, and keep no more
Misconstrued silence as before,
But wasting flames before Him send
Around shall tempests fiercely rage,
Whilst He does heaven and earth engage
His just tribunal to attend."

"And though awhile He be
Hid from the eyes of men,
His people look to see
Their great High Priest again;
In brightest glory He will come,
And take his waiting people home."

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TWELFTH EVENING.

The *name* of the Lord is a strong tower: the righteous runneth into it, and is safe. PROV. xviii. 10.

FOR

I will instruct thee and teach thee in the way which thou shalt go; I will *guide* thee with Mine eye PS. xxxii. 8.

AND

Thou art my hiding-place; Thou shalt preserve me from trouble; Thou shalt compass me about with *songs of deliverance.* O Lord, our Lord, how excellent is *Thy name* in all the earth. PS. xxxii. 7. and PS. viii. 9.

"*Dear name?* the rock on which I build,
My shield and hiding-place;
My never failing treasury filled
With boundless stores of grace.

"Forth in *Thy name,* O Lord, I go,
My daily labor I pursue;
Thee, only Thee, resolved to know,
In all I think, or speak, or do."

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THIRTEENTH EVENING.

Commit thy way unto the Lord, and He shall bring it to pass. Ps. xxxvii. 5.

FOR

The Lord is king forever and ever. Ps. x. 16.

AND

There *is* a friend that sticketh *closer* than a *brother*. Prov. xviii. 24.

"Thou art coming to a King,
Large petitions with thee bring;
For His grace and power are such,
None can ever ask too much.

"While I am a pilgrim here,
Let Thy love my spirit cheer;
As my guide, my guard, my *Friend*,
Lead me to my journey's end.

"Show me what I have to do,
Every hour my strength renew;
Let me live a life of *Faith*,
Let me die Thy people's death."

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FOURTEENTH EVENING.

When Jesus therefore had received the vinegar, he said, *It is finished.*

ST. JOHN xix. 30.

FOR

Behold the Lamb of God, which taketh away the sin of the world. For Thou wast slain, and hast redeemed us to God with *Thy blood.*

ST. JOHN i. 29. REV. v. 9.

AND

Likewise reckon ye also yourselves to be *dead* unto sin, but *alive* unto God through Jesus Christ, our Lord.

ROM. vi. 11.

"'*Tis finished:* so the Saviour cried,
And meekly bowed His head and died.
'*Tis finished:* yes, the work is done,
The battle fought, the victory won.

"'*Tis finished:* all that Heaven decreed,
And all the ancient prophets said,
Is now fulfilled, as long designed
In *Me*, the Saviour of Mankind.

"'*Tis finished:* this My dying groan
Shall sins of every kind atone:
Millions shall be redeemed from death,
By this My last expiring breath,"

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FIFTEENTH EVENING.

I am the *light* of the *world:* he that followeth me shall not walk in darkness, but shall have the light of life.

ST. JOHN viii. 12.

FOR

In Him was *life*, and the *life* was the *light* of men. ST. JOHN i. 4.

AND

Ye are all the children of *light*, and the children of the day: we are not of the *night* nor of *darkness*. Ye were sometimes *darkness*, but now are ye *light* in the Lord: *walk as children of the light.* 1 THESS. v. 5. EPHE. v. 8.

"Hark! a thrilling voice is sounding;
'Christ is nigh!' it seems to say;
Cast away the works of *darkness*,
O ye children of the day."

"Blessed and Holy Three,
Glorious Trinity—
Grace, Love, Light!
Through the world, far and wide,
Boundless as ocean's tide
Rolling in fullest pride,
Let there be light."

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SIXTEENTH EVENING.

We have not an High Priest which cannot be touched with the feeling of our infirmities, but was in all points *tempted* like as we are, yet without sin.

HEB. iv. 15.

FOR

He is *our brother* and our flesh.

GEN. xxxvii. 27.

AND

God is our *refuge* and *strength*, a very present help in trouble.

Ps. xlvi. 1.

"When high the heavenly temple stands,
The house of God, not made with hands,
A great high priest our nature wears,
The guardian of mankind appears.

"Though now ascended up on high,
He bends to earth a brother's eye;
Partaker of the human name,
He knows the frailty of our frame.

"In every pang that rends the heart,
The Man of Sorrows had a part;
He sympathizes in our grief,
And to the *sufferer sends relief*."

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SEVENTEENTH EVENING.

Ye are the temple of the living God.
2 Cor. vi. 16.

FOR

If any man defile the temple of God, him shall God destroy; for the temple of God is holy, *which temple ye are.*
1 Cor. iii. 17.

AND

Behold I stand at the door and *knock;* if any man hear My voice and open the door, *I will come in* to him, and sup with him and he with me.
Rev. iii. 20.

"I have a wonderful guest,
Who speeds my feet, who moves my hands,
Who strengthens, comforts, guides, commands,
Whose presence gives me *rest.*

"For aye by day and night,
He keeps the portal—suffers naught
Defile the temple he has bought
And filled with joy and light.

"Saviour, ne'er depart
From this poor earthly cottage home,
Until the Father bids me come,
Whispering within my heart:

"'I shake these cottage walls;
Fear not! at my command they bow;
My heavenly mansions open now
As this poor dwelling falls.'"

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EIGHTEENTH EVENING.

He giveth *power to the faint.*

Is. xl. 29.

FOR

I, the Lord thy God, will hold thy right hand, saying, *Fear not; I will help thee.* Is. xli. 13.

AND

His strength is made *perfect in weakness.* 2 Cor. xii. 9.

"All in *weakness*, all in *sorrow*,
O my God! I come once more,
Lifting up the sad petition
Thou hast often heard before,
In the former days of darkness,
In the time of need of yore."

"Lord, I am so weak, so weak,
I cannot stand before thy face;
Thy praises I can hardly speak,
Hardly stretch forth my hands for grace;
The way seems long, the burden who can bear;
Lord, must I sink beneath the load of care?
Thus is it now; what shall it be at length?
'*I am thy strength.*'"

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NINETEENTH EVENING.

Whatsoever ye do, in *word* or *deed*, do all in the *name* of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God and the Father by Him. COL. iii. 17.

FOR

It shall be a *name* of joy, a praise and an honor before all the nations of the earth. JER. xxxiii. 9.

AND

For *My name's* sake will I defer Mine anger, and for My praise will I refrain for thee, that I cut thee not off. Is. xlviii. 9.

"How sweet the name of Jesus sounds
In a believer's ear,
It soothes his sorrows, heals his wounds,
And drives away his fear.
It makes the wounded spirit whole,
And calms the troubled breast;
'Tis *manna* to the hungry soul,
And for the weary, rest.

"By Thee my prayers acceptance gain,
Although with sin defiled;
Satan accuses me in vain,
And I am owned a child.
'Till then I would thy love proclaim,
With every fleeting breath;
And may the music of Thy name,
Refresh my soul in death."

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TWENTIETH EVENING.

I ascend unto *My* Father, and *your* Father; and to *My* God, and *your* God. St. John xx. 17.

FOR

HE IS RISEN, as He said. And a cloud received Him out of their sight. St. Matt. xxviii. 6. Acts i. 9.

AND

This *same Jesus* which is taken up from you into Heaven, *shall so come* in like manner. When Christ who is our life shall appear then shall ye also appear with Him in glory. Acts i. 11. Col. iii. 4.

"Hail the day that sees Him rise,
Glorious, to His native skies!
Christ, awhile to mortals given,
Enters now the highest Heaven.
Lo the Heaven its Lord receives!
Yet he loves the earth He leaves:
Though returning to His throne,
Still He calls mankind his own.

"Still for us he intercedes,
His prevailing death he pleads;
Near Himself prepares our place,
Great Forerunner of our race.
Lord, though parted from our sight,
Far above yon azure height,
Grant our hearts may thither rise,
Following thee beyond the skies."

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TWENTY-FIRST EVENING.

If ye be *reproached* for the name of Christ, happy are ye; for the spirit of glory and of God resteth upon you.

1 PETER iv. 14.

FOR

All that will live godly in Christ Jesus, shall suffer *persecution*.

2 TIM. iii. 12.

AND

He that endureth to the end shall be *saved*. ST. MATT. x. 22.

"Trials must and will befall;
But with humble faith to see
Love inscribed upon them all—
This is happiness to me.

"Did I need no trials here,
No chastisement by the way,
Might I not with reason fear
I should be a *cast away*?

"Trials make the promise sweet;
Trials give new life to prayer
Bring me to my Saviour's feet,
Lay me low and keep me there.

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TWENTY-SECOND EVENING.

There shall no evil *befall thee*, neither shall any plague come nigh thy dwelling. Ps. lxxi. 10.

FOR

He shall give His angels charge over thee, to keep thee in all thy ways: they shall bear thee up in their hands, lest thou dash thy foot against a stone. Ps. lxxi. 11. 12.

AND

Thou shalt tread upon the lion and adder: the young lion and the dragon shalt thou trample under foot. Ps. lxxi. 13.

"God shall charge His angel legions
Watch and ward o'er thee to keep;
Though thou walk through hostile regions,
Though in desert wilds thou sleep.
On the lion vainly roaring,
On his young thy foot shall tread,
And the dragon's den exploring,
Thou shalt bruise the serpent's head.

"Since with pure and firm affection,
Thou on God hast set thy love,
With the wings of His protection,
He will shield thee from above.
Thou shalt call on Him in trouble,
He will hearken, He will save;
Here for grief reward thee double,
Crown with life beyond the grave."

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TWENTY-THIRD EVENING.

Cast thy burden upon the Lord, and He shall sustain thee: He shall never suffer the righteous to be moved.

Ps. lv. 22.

FOR

He knoweth our frame; He remembereth that we are *dust*. Ps. ciii. 14.

AND

He only is my *Rock* and my *salvation*, He is my *defence*, I shall not be greatly moved. Ps. lxii. 2.

"My soul, for help on God rely,
On Him alone thy trust repose;
My Rock and health will strength supply,
To bear the shock of all my foes."

"'Tis He that all thy sin forgives,
And after sickness makes thee sound;
From danger He thy life retrieves,
By Him with grace and mercy crowned.

"For God, who all our frame surveys,
Considers that we are but clay;
How fresh soe'er we seem, our days,
Like grass or flowers, must fade away."

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TWENTY-FOURTH EVENING.

Seek ye the Lord, all ye meek of the earth; it may be ye shall be hid in the day of the Lord's anger. ZEPH. ii. 4.

FOR

The great day of the Lord *is near*, it is near and hasteth greatly, even the voice of the day of the Lord. ZEPH. i. 14.

AND

Unto you that fear My name shall the Sun of Righteousness arise with *healing in His wing*. MAL. iv. 2.

"Day of Wrath! that day of mourning!
See fulfilled the prophet's warning,
Heaven and earth in ashes burning!

"Oh what fear man's bosom rendeth,
When from Heaven the Judge descendeth,
On whose sentence all dependeth!

"What shall I, frail man, be pleading?
Who for me be interceding,
When the just are mercy needing?

"Think, kind Jesus, my salvation
Cost thy wondrous Incarnation;
Leave me not to reprobation.

"Righteous Judge! for sin's pollution,
Grant thy gift of absolution,
Ere that day of retribution."

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TWENTY-FIFTH EVENING.

The *redeemed of the Lord* shall return, and come with *singing unto Zion;* and everlasting joy shall be upon their head: they shall obtain gladness and joy: and sorrow and mourning shall flee away. Is. li. 11.

FOR

The inhabitants shall not say, I am sick: the people that dwell therein shall be forgiven their iniquities. Is. xxxiii 24.

AND

They shall not hunger nor thirst; neither shall the heat nor sun smite them, for He that hath mercy on them shall lead them, even by the springs of water shall He guide them. Is. xlix. 10.

"Glorious things of thee are spoken,
Zion, city of our God:
He whose word cannot be broken
Formed thee for his own abode;
On the *Rock of Ages* founded,
What can shake thy sure repose?
With Salvation's walls surrounded,
Thou may'st smile on all thy foes."

"Saviour, if of Zion's city
I though grace a member am,
Let the world deride or pity,
I will glory in Thy name:
Fading in the worldling's pleasure,
All his boasted pomp and show;
Solid joys and lasting treasure,
None but Zion's children know."

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TWENTY-SIXTH EVENING.

Great Peace have they which love Thy law: and nothing shall offend them. Ps. cxix. 165.

FOR

Thou wilt keep him in perfect *peace*, whose mined is stayed on Thee; because he trusted in Thee. Is. xxvi. 3.

AND

Behold, the eye of the Lord is upon them that fear Him, upon them that hope in His mercy; to deliver their souls from death, and to keep them alive in famine. Ps. xxxiii. 18. 19.

"Oh! for the *peace* which floweth as a river,
Making life's desert-places bloom and smile;
Oh! for a faith to grasp Heaven's bright
'Forever,'
Amid the shadows of earth's '*little while*.'"

"Thou art my hiding-place, O Lord
In Thee I put my trust;
Encouraged by Thy holy word,
A feeble child of dust:
I have no argument beside,
I urge no other plea;
And 'tis enough, my Saviour died,
My Saviour died for me!"

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TWENTY-SEVENTH EVENING.

No *chastening* for the present seemeth to be joyous, but grievous.

HEB. xii. 11,

FOR

Behold, I have refined thee, but not with silver; I have chosen thee in the furnace of *affliction;* nevertheless, afterward it yieldeth the peaceable fruit of righteousness unto them which are exercise dthereby. IS. xlviii. 10. HEB. xii. 11.

AND

Sing, O Heavens; and be joyful, O earth; and break forth into singing, O mountains; for the Lord has *comforted His people*, and will have *mercy upon His afflicted.* IS. xlix. 13.

"O, hadst thou left me *unchastised*,
Thy precepts I had still despised,
And still the snare in secret laid,
Had my unwary feet betrayed.

"I love thy chastenings, O my God,
They fix my hopes on Thy abode;
Where, in Thy presence fully blest,
Thy stricken saints *forever rest*"

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TWENTY-EIGHTH EVENING.

Behold, the Lord's hand is not shortened that it *cannot save;* neither His ear heavy that it *cannot hear.*

Is. xlix. 1.

FOR

The mountains shall depart, and the hills be removed; but *My kindness shall not depart* from thee, neither shall the covenant of *My peace be removed*, saith the Lord that hath mercy on thee. Is. liv. 10.

AND

The Lord will not *cast off forever:* but though He cause grief, yet will he have compassion according to the multitude of His mercies: for he doth not afflict *willingly* nor grieve the children of men. Sam. iii. 31, 32, 33.

"When trouble, like a gloomy cloud,
Has gathered thick and thundered loud,
He near my soul has always stood;
His loving kindness, Oh how good!

"Soon shall I pass the gloomy vale,
Soon all my mortal powers must fail;
Oh may my last expiring breath
His loving kindness sing in death."

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TWENTY-NINTH EVENING.

To the Lord our God belong mercies and forgiveness, though we have rebelled against Him. DAN. ix. 9.

FOR

The Lord is merciful and gracious, *slow to anger*, and plenteous in mercy. Ps. ciii. 8.

AND

O give thanks unto the Lord, for He is good: for His mercy *endureth forever*. Ps. cvii. 11.

"Depth of mercy! can there be
Mercy still reserved for me?
Can my God his wrath forbear?
Me the chief of sinners spare?

"I have long withstood His grace;
Long provoked Him to His face;
Would not hearken to His calls;
Grieved Him by a thousand falls.

"Kindly His relentings are;
Me He now delights to spare;
Now my Father's mercies move,
Justice lingers into love."

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